News from Terrawatu, Tanzania
Northern Summer / Southern Winter 2010

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On May 18, in partnership with Terrawatu, Maasailand Health Project sent a Medical Team into the Olduvai Region of Maasailand to provide Insecticide Treated Nets, test kits for malaria, medication to treat malaria and a variety of other minor illnesses. Our field team visited the boma (homestead) of Olduvai, Kiloki, Ndenwa, Loongooku, Elerai, and Ngolola, providing medical assistance to approximately 500 Maasai people. Funding of Maasailand Health Project has come from friends and family and small local fundraising events in our hometown of Port Angeles, Washington, as well as our on-going fundraising of artisan roasted Tanzania Peaberry coffee from Princess Valiant Coffee Roasters, www.princessvaliant.com, (100% of proceeds go directly to Maasailand Health Project), and direct donations through our website www.mlhp.org

Photos from this field visit will be uploaded to our site and they speak volumes. I can smell the Maasailand of Tanzania and am happy that this project has brought Terrawatu and Maasailand Health Project together with local Maasai people who assist as part of this medical team in providing care and treatment to their bomas. People touching people and making a difference.

On 5 June, Co-Director Dr. Tanya Pergola spoke at a Benefit Reception and Silent Auction at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington. The event was hosted by the Global Technology Academy (GTA), Terrawatu’s partner in our IT for Education project. Proceeds from the event go towards GTA’s next trip to Tanzania to outfit schools with computer technology.

AND, in more good news, volunteer Mrs. Ronda Zelezny-Green will be traveling to Tanzania in July for her first visit with the Terrawatu Tanzania team. Ronda has been assisting Terrawatu remotely for more than six months and has developed an English for Specific Purposes course that she will implement in Arusha. Ronda received a $2,600 grant from the University of Massachusetts, Boston “Teaching Language with Technology” program to support her work with Terrawatu.

You can help us continue with all these amazing activities in Tanzania by making a one-time or recurring donation to Terrawatu. Click here: http://www.terrawatu.org and then on “Contribute” to make tax-deductible donations to Terrawatu. Corporate matching gifts can double your donations to Terrawatu. Go to your employer’s charitable giving database and find Terrawatu’s Tax ID number: 26-0212786.

Many thanks and blessings,
Tanya and the Terrawatu Team

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